

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0051

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-010 - Technical Service Shops and
Offices {Current}
Property Date: 1944
Address(s): Wormhoudt Street {Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status

Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - Interior stove flue	Aluminum	
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Flat	Steel	Roof - Corrugated
Structural System			Structural System - Unknown
Windows	Window - Industrial	Vinyl	Windows - Replacement Sash

Site Description: The structure is set in a flat, level area on the west side of the street within an industrial area.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Shop	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Shop

Est. Date of Construction: 1944 {Owner/written data} Accessed? No Not accessible
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 3.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Good
Interior Plan Type: Irregular Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The building has a flat roof, a poured concrete slab foundation, and is clad on the sidewalls and roof with modern corrugated metal panels. Many of the additions feature a low pitch (almost flat) gable roof. The windows include vinyl ribbon casement, fixed pane, one-over-one double hung and sliding sash, all of which are modern replacement. There are three types of modern metal doors: plain, one with a long, narrow fixed pane window, and one with a large rectangular fixed pane window. Modern aluminum roll top doors are found throughout. The configuration of two-story, stepped panels on the east side, which once served as large retractable doors evidence the building's original use as a aircraft maintenance hanger. The panels are now fixed.

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... Q- World War I to World War II (1914-1945)

Significance Statement: This large, three-story structure, originally built in 1944, has been altered and added on to several times. It originally served as an aircraft maintenance hangar for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building was identified as "F-10" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "N.A.O.T.S. Hangar and Offices" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "F-10" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. It is located on Wormhoudt Street, across from the Property and Supply Building (001-0027-0049, WFF # F-007) in a level area of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base, grouped with other industrial-focused buildings. A large paved area surrounds the structure on the north and east sides which originally served as a aircraft taxiway/apron. Currently the building houses offices and machine shops.

This building is an example of a building type associated with an aviation/engineering property, built at the end of the World War I to World War II (1917-1945) period. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The structure has been altered considerably since its original construction.

The Technical Services Shops and Offices has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential..

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by numerous additions, the replacement of the structure's doors and windows, and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that cover the walls and roof. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

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Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

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CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
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CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

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